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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

INQUIRY INTO STATUTORY BASIS FOR CO-LOADING PRACTICES AND POSSIBLE SECTION 16 EXEMPTION FOR CO-LOADING Docket No. 94-26

Served: November 1, 2004

Order discontinuing proceeding.

ORDER

In Docket No. 94-26 - <u>Inquiry Into Statutory Basis for Coloading Practices and Possible Section 16 Exemption for Coloading</u> ("94-26"), the Commission issued a Notice of Inquiry that held Docket No. 93-22 - <u>Co-loading Practices by Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carriers; Shipper Affiliate Access to Service Contracts</u> ("93-22") in abeyance pending an inquiry to determine whether present co-loading practices are consistent with statutory requirements, and, if not, whether an exemption proceeding should be instituted.

This docket was initiated over ten years ago. While coloading remains a relevant topic for Commission consideration, the particularities of co-loading and its effects on the shipping industry have likely changed since the early 1990s. Given the changing needs of the shipping industry, this docket is outdated and unlikely to provide insight into current Shipping Act issues.

As such, we have determined that the above-captioned proceeding be discontinued.

CONCLUSION

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, That this proceeding is discontinued.

By the Commission.

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Secretary